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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

FOR LAPO ESCORT JONES

REF: FLEICHMANN-WILLIAMS MEETING NOV. 27

1. HAVE DISCUSSED DETAILS OF PROCEDURES SUGGESTED BY FLEISCHMANN TO FACILITATE HANDLING OF TRANSFERS OF PERSONNEL AND BAGGAGE AS WELL AS HOTEL ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WITH RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE IN PRAGOKONCERT AND SLOVKONCERT. THEY HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE TO EXTENT LOCAL CONDITIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL PERMIT.

2. LOCAL CUSTOMS PROCEDURE WILL NOT PERMIT BLANKET CLEARANCE OF PERSONNEL AND BAGGAGE. ON ARRIVAL EACH MEMBER OF ORCHESTRA MUST HAVE OWN PASSPORT IN HIS POSSESSION. ALSO EACH MUST CLAIM AND CLEAR OWN BAGGAGE. WE WILL ATTEMPT EXPEDITE MEHTAS AND FLEISCHMANN BUT, CLEARANCE FOR REST OF LAPO MAY TEKE UP TO ONE HOUR. EMBASSY WILL DO ITS BEST TO FACILITATE CLEARANCES. CAR AND DRIVER FOR MEHTAS AND SECOND CAR AND DRIVER FOR FLEISCHMANN WILL BE AT AIRPORT. BUSES FOR OTHER MEMEBERS OF ORCHESTRA.

3. INTERCONTINENTAL MANAGER WARNS IT WILL NOT BE FEASIBLE TO HAVE KEYS IN DOORS AT HOTEL SINCE SOME ROOMS DESIGNATED FOR ORCHESTRA MEMBERS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 14:00, HOTEL CHECKOUT TIME. HE SUGGESTS HAVING STATION IN LOBBY TO HANDLE LAPO ROOOM ASSIGNMENTS WITH LAPO REPRESENTATIVE ON HAND TO INDICATE WHO SHOULD

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BE GIVEN PRIORITY IN EVENT NOT ALL ROOMS AVAILABLE WHEN

ORCHESTRA ARRIVES. WE RECOMMEND THIS PROCEDURE.

4. LAPO PERDIEM WILL BE IN ENVELOPES AND GIVEN TO MR. DEWEY ON ARRIVAL AT HOTEL PRAGUE.

5. PRAGOCONCERT IS MAKING PROVISIONS FOR MEETING ROOM.

6. BECAUSE OF TRAFFI CONGESTION IN VICINITY OF CONCERT HALL, PRAGOKONCERT PROPOSES TO HAVE ONE BUS DEPARTING HOTEL EVERY FIVE MINUTES BEGINNING AT 18:30 WITH LAST BUS DEPARTING AT 1845. BUSES SEAT MAXIMUM 47 SO IT IMPORTANT MUSICIANS STAGGER DEPARTURES.

7. LOCAL SPONSORS SAY THEY CAN TRANSPORT LUGGAGE FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT BEFORE ORCHESTRA MEMBERS DEPART, IF LUGGAGE LOADED BY 0600. REQUEST RESPONSIBLE LAPO OFFICIAL BE PRESENT SUPERVISE LOADING. LUGGAGE WILL TRAVEL BRATISLAVA ON CHARTERED FLIGHT AS SUGGESTED.

8. UNABLE TO GET SPONSOR AGREE TO LATER SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO BRATISLAVA. HOWEVER, THEY AGREE TO HAVE BUS LEAVE HOTEL AT 0800. IMPERATIVE THAT BUS LEAVE ON SCHEDULE IN ORDER ASSURE TIMELY ARRIVAL AIRPORT. POSSIBILITY WE CAN DELAY FLIGHT FOR UP TO HALF AN HOUR.

8. BRATISLAVA SPONSOR HAS AGREED PROVIDE SEPARATE VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONAL BAGGAGE FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL. ALSO AGREED HAVE KEYS IN ROOM AND ROOM CARDS AT DESK. IN OUR OPINION HOWEVER, SOME MEMBERS MAY EXPERIENCE DELAY AT 2:00 P.M IS CHECKOUT TIME.

10. THREE BUSES WILL TRANSPORT ORCHESTRA MEMBERS TO VIENNA. ONE WILL BE MARKED FOR SMOKERS. FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS IT NOT FEASIBLE TO SEND BAGGAGE AHEAD TO AIRPORT. BUSES WILL DEPART FOR VIENNA AT 0930.

11. PRAGOKONCERT HAS INDICATED THEY WILL ARANGE HAVE BRATISLAVA TELEVISION DO MEHTA INTERVIEW THEIR BEHALF.

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12. PLEASE ADVISE MEHTA PLANS REGARDING DEC. 8 DINNER AT UNCLASSIFIED

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13. WILL PROVIDE MUSICIANS BASIC OUTLINE OF PRAGUE-BRATISLAVA SCHEDULE ASAP.

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